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1. The North Bohemian Fats Factory (Severoceske tukove Zavody), National Enterprise, is located in the Strekov section of Usti nad Labem, near the railroad station and approximately 600 meters from the Elbe river. It is controlled by the department of Fats of the Ministry of Food Industry.
  2. The factory employs 4,500 workers, approximately half of whom are women. About 300 people are engaged in administrative and miscellaneous duties. The average age of the workers is 40.
  3. The principal raw materials used are sunflower seeds, imported from the satellite countries, and peanuts, imported from China through the port of Szczecin (Stettin). Other raw materials include caustic soda, light gasoline, and synthetic gasoline from Most.<sup>1</sup> Colza oil is the only important Czech raw material used.
  4. The factory processes approximately 300 tons of oil seed daily by operating both pressing and extraction facilities on a 24-hour schedule. In 1951 the Lurgi system of extraction replaced the Hildebrand system. ☐ engineers installed the new equipment, ☐ and instructed the factory technicians. The change-over in systems caused the factory to lag behind its quota, but difficulties were overcome in 1952 and the annual quota is now usually fulfilled. 25X1
  5. Approximately 100 tons of various soaps are produced daily, in addition to toilet articles and cosmetics. This factory's production meets approximately one half of Czechoslovakia's requirements in soap.
  6. The residue from the presses, which is supposed to contain not more than 0.5 percent of oil, is made into cattle fodder.
  7. The factory formerly produced margarine at a plant located approximately 20 kilometers north of Usti.<sup>2</sup> This plant, now no longer a part of the factory, produces a pure, waterless cooking oil for domestic use.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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8. The thermal power station is located in the southwestern corner of the area, approximately 300 yards from the railroad station, and supplies both the North Bohemian Fats Factory and the Strekov section. Both overhead and underground pipes connect the factory with the power station. The station's chimney is 90 meters high, 10 meters in diameter at the bottom, and four meters in diameter at the top. Coal is brought in by rail and dumped directly into the coal bunkers, which are located to the south of the station.
  9. A small plant within the factory area runs trial production on new products and experiments with new uses for raw materials. The basement of the building is occupied by an apprentices' school.
  10. A small plant within the factory area, although not a part of the factory, makes machines and accessories for the food industry and ventilators and exhausts, motors excepted, for mines. This plant employs approximately 300 workers.
  11. Raw materials and finished products are carried by rail. The factory has a few freight cars and an electric locomotive for use within the factory area.
  12. The factory has 30 watchmen. Workers must show their cards, which are issued by the management, before being admitted to the area. The canteen, although located outside the factory area, is guarded, and all people who enter it must prove their identity at the door. The factory is surrounded by a wooden fence two meters high, and watchmen are on 24-hour duty. Although the factory has an air raid precaution committee, no air raid shelters are known to exist.
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1.  Comment: Probably a reference to the Stalin Works (Stalinovy zavody), National Enterprise, Most. 25X1
  2.  Comment: The 1951-52 telephone book lists the North Bohemian Fats Factory at Decin, approximately 20 kilometers northeast of Usti nad Labem. 25X1

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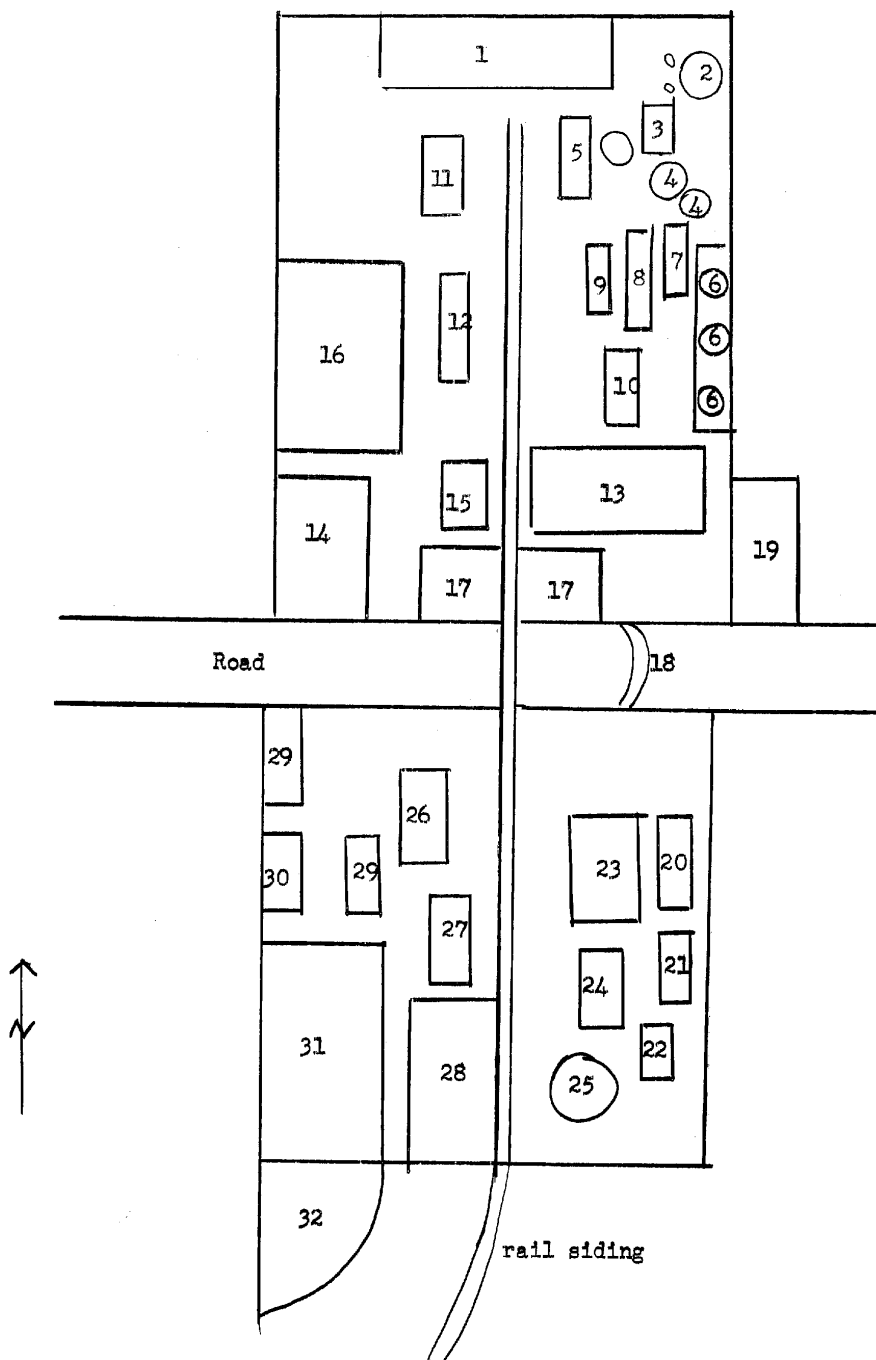
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North Bohemian Fats Factory

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1. and 13. Seed storage depots
2. Gasometer
3. Hardening plant
4. Extraction
5. By-products (cattle fodder)
6. Oil tanks
7. Oil refinery
8. Pressing plant
9. Research laboratory
10. Cold storage
11. Extraction of fats
12. Packing (sacks, etc.)
14. Carpenter's shop
15. Electrotechnical workshops
16. Timber depot
17. Administration building
18. Overhead bridge for pedestrians
19. Factory canteen
20. Glycerine processes
21. Glycerine depot
22. Testing plant
23. Soap plant
24. Fatty acids production
25. Washing powder products
26. Cosmetics plant
27. Garages
28. Food industry machines
29. Laboratories
30. Hydrogen depot
31. Power station
32. Coal dump

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